

Little Giants think they have right combination

Better defense, hitting must support untested varsity pitching staff

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FREMONT — The 2009 edition of the Fremont Ross High School varsity baseball team has a combination of experience and youth.

Eight lettermen return for coach Mark King, who in his first season guided the Little Giants to a 12-13 overall record and a 6-4 Greater Buckeye Conference mark in 2008.

On the flip side, Ross's untested pitching staff will need some time to develop.

Among the eight lettermen, five are position starters. Seniors Brad Woleslagel (catcher), Kodie Stout (center field), Josh Mendoza (third base) and sophomores Derek Aldrich (short-stop) and Jake Hiestand (second base) have established

roles for the Little Giants.

"Brad is an experienced ballplayer who has been on the varsity level three years," King said. "I believe the catching position is the quarterback on our ballclub. He's going to handle a lot of our pitching and the set up of our defense."

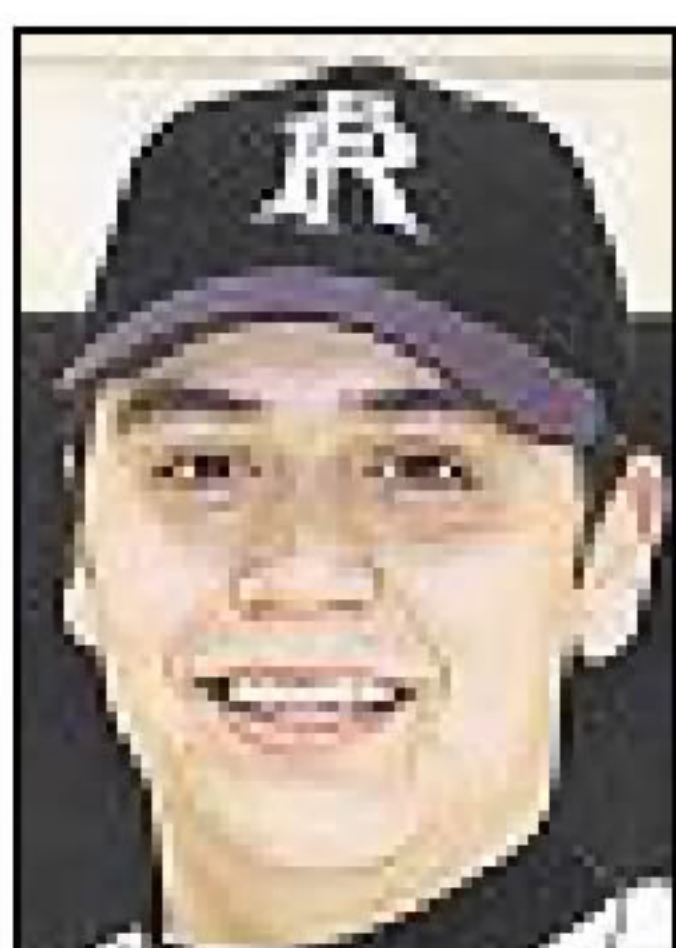
Woleslagel, Ross's second-leading home run hitter last season, earned first team All-GBC at first base in 2008, while King's son, Jared, was a first-team All-GBC



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